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Senate Bill No. 373

Senate, March 29, 2022

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AND THE FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 17a-248g of the 2022 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

4 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of title 38a relating to the
5 permissible exclusion of payments for services under governmental
6 programs, no such exclusion shall apply with respect to payments made
7 pursuant to section 17a-248, sections 17a-248b to 17a-248f, inclusive, this
8 section and sections 38a-490a and 38a-516a. Except as provided in this
9 subsection, nothing in this section shall increase or enhance coverages
10 provided for within an insurance contract subject to the provisions of
11 section 10-94f, subsection (a) of section 10-94g, [subsection (a) of section
12 17a-219b, subsection (a) of section 17a-219c,] sections 17a-248, 17a-248b
13 to 17a-248f, inclusive, this section, and sections 38a-490a and 38a-516a.

14 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-338 of the general statutes is
15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
16 *1, 2022*):

17 (a) There is established a Long-Term Care Advisory Council which
18 shall consist of the following: (1) The executive director of the
19 Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or
20 the executive director's designee; (2) the State Nursing Home
21 Ombudsman, or the ombudsman's designee; (3) the president of the
22 Coalition of Presidents of Resident Councils, or the president's designee;
23 (4) the executive director of the Legal Assistance Resource Center of
24 Connecticut, or the executive director's designee; (5) the state president
25 of AARP, or the president's designee; (6) one representative of a
26 bargaining unit for health care employees, appointed by the president
27 of the bargaining unit; (7) the president of LeadingAge Connecticut,
28 Inc., or the president's designee; (8) the president of the Connecticut
29 Association of Health Care Facilities, or the president's designee; (9) the
30 president of the Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes, or
31 the president's designee; (10) the president of the Connecticut Hospital
32 Association or the president's designee; (11) the executive director of the
33 Connecticut Assisted Living Association or the executive director's
34 designee; (12) the executive director of the Connecticut Association for
35 Homecare or the executive director's designee; (13) the president of
36 Connecticut Community Care, Inc. or the president's designee; (14) one
37 member of the Connecticut Association of Area Agencies on Aging
38 appointed by the agency; (15) the president of the Connecticut chapter
39 of the Connecticut Alzheimer's Association; (16) one member of the
40 Connecticut Association of Adult Day Centers appointed by the
41 association; (17) the president of the Connecticut Chapter of the
42 American College of Health Care Administrators, or the president's
43 designee; (18) the president of the Connecticut Council for Persons with
44 Disabilities, or the president's designee; (19) the president of the
45 Connecticut Association of Community Action Agencies, or the
46 president's designee; (20) a personal care attendant appointed by the
47 speaker of the House of Representatives; (21) [the president of the
48 Family Support Council, or the president's designee; (22)] a person who,

49 in a home setting, cares for a person with a disability and is appointed
 50 by the president pro tempore of the Senate; [(23)] (22) three persons with
 51 a disability appointed one each by the majority leader of the House of
 52 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate and the minority
 53 leader of the House of Representatives; [(24)] (23) a legislator who is a
 54 member of the Long-Term Care Planning Committee; [(25)] (24) one
 55 member who is a nonunion home health aide appointed by the minority
 56 leader of the Senate; and [(26)] (25) the executive director of the
 57 nonprofit entity designated by the Governor in accordance with section
 58 46a-10b to serve as the Connecticut protection and advocacy system or
 59 the executive director's designee.

60 Sec. 3. Sections 17a-219a to 17a-219c, inclusive, of the general statutes
 61 are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2022*)

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2022</i> | 17a-248g(g) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2022</i> | 17b-338(a) |
| Sec. 3 | <i>October 1, 2022</i> | Repealer section |

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill repeals Department of Developmental Services statutes related to family support services¹ and the Family Support Council² to reflect current practice and are not anticipated to have any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

¹ Family support services refer to the those provided under the Birth to Three Program that moved to the Office of Early Childhood in 2015.

² The Family Support Council suspended its meeting in 2016.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 373*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AND THE FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY**

This bill repeals laws requiring the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to (1) coordinate family support services for children with disabilities (e.g., developmental disabilities or a moderate, severe, or profound educational disability); (2) within available appropriations, promote the statewide availability of these services; and (3) in coordination with other state, regional, and local agencies, help families access other sources of government funds before using funds appropriated for these services.

The bill also repeals the law establishing the Family Support Council, which is currently charged with, among other things, providing specified assistance to DDS and other state agencies that administer or fund family support services. (In practice, the council has not met in several years.)

The bill also makes conforming changes, including removing the Family Support Council president, or the president's designee, from the state's Long-Term Care Advisory Council (§ 2).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 3 (03/16/2022)